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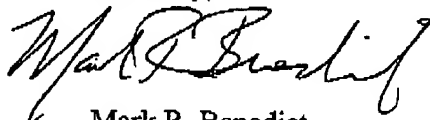
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Patent Term Extension Application for U.S. Patent No. 4,874,794  
Request for expedited issuance of Certificate of Extension—waiver of request for  
reconsideration  
OUR REF: AVANIR.024A

Dear Sir:

Applicant does NOT wish to request reconsideration. Indeed, Applicant wishes to obtain the Certificate of Extension from the Director at the earliest possible date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Director issue, without further delay, the Certificate of Extension for the above-referenced patent for a period of five years as specified in the Notice of Final Determination. If there are any matters that may be expedited by a phone call, please do not hesitate to call me at my direct dial number (949) 721-6323.

Sincerely,



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